

"But God Shall Be With You" (Genesis 48:21)

Proposition: We can all endeavor to give to our children and families a godly heritage by following the example of Jacob in our text. Every child should listen and remember the godly legacy of their parents.

- I. Recall To Them Your Past Life (Vs. 21b)
 - A. Recall to them past Walks (Vs. 15b)
 - B. Recall to them past Wrongs (Vs. 16a)
 - C. Recall to them past Wanderings (Deut. 32:10)
 - D. Recall to them past Wounds (Ch. 32:31)
- II. Remind Them Of A Present Lord (Vs. 21c)
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I want to share with the thought that God interrupts our Progeny, our lineage, our children's lives. Now when it comes to child rearing and instruction ⁱⁿ the least qualified in the crowd. Many of you have children that are grown and gone. But for every parent like me who is struggling to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, the question is heavy in our hearts how do you get them to turn out right, and godly. Many quote Proverbs 22:6 and say bring them to church read them the Bible, and teach them to pray and you are guaranteed they will not depart from ^{the} ~~the~~ path. But I ^{know} a many a godly parent who did every thing you are

I. Recall to Them Your Past Life (Vs 21b) - In this scene, Jacob is dying and Joseph brings his two sons to him that he might impart a blessing to them. But in that blessing, Jacob shares his past life..

A. Past Walks (Vs. 15b) - Jacob recalled the life of Abraham and Isaac and how they walked before God. Enoch walked w/ God in Gen 5, Noah walked w/ God in Gen 6. Recall to your children the godly walk of your fathers and mother. How they loved God and followed. If you didn't have a godly father, tell them of the wayward walk

B. Past Wrongs (Vs 16a) - Jacob admits some things in his life were evil. Jacob was no angel to be sure. It's pretty hard down to

decieve your father on his death bed. He was a liar a deceiver a thief. We ought to readily recall our past wrongs to our children. We shouldn't glorify our past sin, but call it what it is. C. Past Wanderings (Deut. 32:10) - as I thought ^{evil} am Jacob, I thought of his wanderings.

³ Deut. 32:10 Running from Esau, running from Laban, ultimately running from God. Past Wanderings. Be sure to recall to your children the wanderings and the running you did from God. When I hit those college years I ^{ran a far as I could}

²⁴ D. Past Wounds (Ch 32:31) - As a result of wrestling w/ God, Jacob had a physical reminder with him the rest of his days.

He had a limp, a wound. What are the scars that you can relay to your children to warn them of the high price of sin. When I was a child my dad got away from the Lord, had an accident, scar was a reminder.

II. Remind Them of G's Present Lord (Vs 21c) - Joseph is dying. But I want to remind that was with in the past is the God that will be with you in the present.

¹⁵ A. A Lord that Confronts (Ch 32:24-27) - This very present God is a God that confronts us.

Jacob wrestled with the angel of the Lord all night. In the end, Jacob is confronted with the question "Who are you?" Jacob! In a subplanter, a heel snatcher, a thief. ^{Reminds children}

⁶ B. A Lord that Confronts (Ch 32:30) - After that moment, Jacob was never the same.

1) Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

2) ...every thing they were suppose to do and their child went down the wrong road. I believe that Proverbs 22:6 says that if you will do all that you can to train them up in the Lord that when they are old, no matter how far they run from God, they will never escape that godly heritage they were given. Therefore it is critical that we endeavor to give to our children and families a godly heritage. And we can do this by following the example of Jacob in our text this morning. You children also so should listen and remember the godly legacy of your parents.

3) Deuteronomy 32:10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness;

4) Genesis 32:31 And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

5) Genesis 32:24-27 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

6) Genesis 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

1) Proverbs 13:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

1) Genesis 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

2) 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

4) Genesis 32:31 And as he passed over Bethel the sun rose upon him, and he battered upon his thigh.

3) 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

5) Genesis 32:34 And Jacob was left alone, and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

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Weren't we said "He was broken to he healed
he was weakened to he strengthened." Son, daughter
child, the God that I serve is a life changing
God, that converts changes our direction.

C. A Lord that Claims (Ch 32:28) - He is a God
that Claims us as his own. Jacob honestly
admitted where he was and God now says
you ain't that no more. I've claimed you as
~~my own~~, you are now a prince w/ God. 1 Cor
6: 9-11 ^{his own} Parents remind them that God claims us as

D. A Lord that Cares (Vs 11, 15c) - Jacob was
broken hearted to lose the first born of his
beloved Rachel, life seemed an empty shell.
But God cares! God show Jacob Joseph's face
- once again. What loving kindness! Vs 15c this
is a God that cares for our needs and meets them. Remind

E. A Lord that Covenants (Vs 3-4) - God is
a covenant keeping God. God has made
promises that he will keep. 2 Cor 1: 20 ³
He promised to meet our needs out of his
riches in Glory. He promised us ^{abundantly & v.}
life. He promised us the Heaven to prepare us... He has ^{promised} here

III. Refer Them To A Promised Land (Vs 1 & 2)

Jacob recalled to Joseph his passed life
with the phrase Behold I die. Jacob reminded
Joseph of a Present Land with But God shall be
with you now finally Jacob refers Joseph to a promised

A. To a Land of God's Planning (Vs 21, d)
Jacob is reminding Joseph that this Egypt

land was a temporary provision by God for the survival of his people. It was not a final destiny. God's plan was for God's people to live in God's promise. I never use the argument that God has a wonderful plan for your life as a reason to come to Christ. But when we do come to him, he does have a plan. A plan of useful B. To a Land of God's Providing (Vs. 1d) - Jacob is referring to a land that God had promised to his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac. Joseph don't get too comfortable here in Egypt, God has provided a land of plenty a land provision a land flowing with milk & honey! Children, remember what Jesus said, Jn 14:3. Don't get too comfortable in this old world. Be ready for the end to come.

C. To a Land of God's Proving (Vs. 2d) - The security of the Jews into the promised land was not a picture of going to heaven. It is a picture of the victorious Christian life. There will be no battles in Heaven. There will be no enemies to conquer in heaven. Jacob is saying "I've fought some battles in my time, and I want you by God's grace to have these same victories. There will be some battles."

IV. Closing - Just because you know the Lord, doesn't mean your children will, but if we will follow Jacob's example, our children will always have God with them thru a Godly Heredity.

1) ...plan of usefulness for God's glory. A plan of victory and a plan of service. Remind your children of the ultimate plan of god for their lives.

2) John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

3) ...some battles ahead, but this is the proving ground, God showing Himself mighty upon our behalf.